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PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN STACIA ZACHARY



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Commitment to caring

BY COL. RICHARD DEVEREAUX

100th Air Refueling Wing commander

It's that time of year again. That time when an Air Force Assistance Fund keyworker hands you a form and asks if you'd like to contribute. What will you say, "Sure," "no thanks" or "tell me more?"

I hope you'll consider giving. The Air Force Assistance Fund is the only Air Force charity solely raised for Air Force people. It supports four basic programs:

◆ The Air Force Aid Society, the official charitable

organization of the Air Force, that provides airmen and their families with worldwide emergency financial assistance, education assistance and an array of base level community-enhancement programs. Information is also available online at www.afas.org.

◆ The Air Force Enlisted Villages in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., near Eglin Air Force Base, provides rent subsidy and other support to indigent widows and widowers of retired enlisted people 55 and older. More information is available at www.afenlistedwidows.org.

◆ The Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund, a life-care community in San Antonio for retired officers, spouses, widows or widowers and family members. The Air Force Village Web site is www.airforcevillages.com.

◆ The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation provides rent and financial assistance to indigent widows and widowers of officers and enlisted people in their own homes and communities. The LeMay Foundation Web site is www.lemayfoundation.org.

Each unit on base has a unit project officer assigned.

The unit project officers should contact everyone within his or her

squadron between March 16 and April 27.

And we typically get much more from AFAF than we give. In fact, in 2003 RAF Mildenhall received more than \$233,000 in assistance from the Air Force Aid Society — nearly five times what was donated (\$45,814 for the 2003 AFAF campaign).

Despite this rate of return, sadly only 26.5 percent of Air Force members participated last year. We can do better.

Our goal for RAF Mildenhall this year is \$63,057.79 — I think we can easily beat that. So let's take care of our own!

When that keyworker comes around and asks if you'd like to contribute, listen to the pitch, ask a few questions and consider giving.

Every dollar you give will directly support Air Force people.

By the way, our **Primary Installation Project Officer is Capt. Tamara Prasse, Detachment 2, at 238-2517** and her alternate is **Tech. Sgt. Kent Swaim, 100th Mission Operations Squadron, at 238-3891**. And congratulations to Capt. Prasse on her selection for major last week! Tamara was joined by 23 other captains on the base as they celebrated their new promotion at Middleton Hall.

Also, congratulations to **Airman 1st Class Paul Watson-Ausencio, 100th Security Forces Squadron, U.S. Air Forces in Europe's** nominee for the U.S. European Command Junior Enlisted Service Member of the Year.

Airman 1st Class Watson-Ausencio beat out literally thousands of his peers to receive this high honor and competes against the Army, Marine and Navy nominees at EUCOM Headquarters in Stuttgart, Germany, this week.

Best wishes as he goes for the gold! Have a safe, safe weekend.

And please don't drink and drive — not even one!



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS FRANKLIN PERKINS

Service with a smile: While visiting RAF Fairford, Command Chief Master Sgt. William Scott, 100th Air Refueling Wing command chief, left, and Col. Richard Devereaux, left center, 100th ARW commander, are served food by Chris Clemens, center right, and Super Monga, at the Belden dining facility.

Officer promotion lists released

Congratulations to the following Team Mildenhall members who recently were selected for promotion to the ranks of captain and major.

◆ Captain selects

Jon Baum, 100th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Jaime Gallagher, 100th Civil Engineer Squadron
Jeremy Grey, 351st Air Refueling Squadron
Laura Lacasse, 352nd Operations Support Squadron
Joel Prosio, 351st ARS
Ryan Settle, 100th Security Forces Squadron
Christy Snook, 352nd OSS
Michael Taylor, 100th Services Squadron

◆ Major selects

Shane Balken, 100th Air Refueling Wing
Kenneth Bottari, 3rd Air Force
Joshua Bowman, 21st Special Operations Squadron
Kevin Brummert, 100th Comptroller Squadron
Christopher Budde, 422nd Air Base Squadron
Rives Duncan, 422nd ABS
Derek Ferland, 100th Civil Engineer Squadron
Richard Greszler, 7th Special Operations Squadron
William Hewitt, 3rd AF
Joel Higley, 351st ARS
Justin Hoffman, 7th SOS
Robert Hoskins, 100th ARW
Bryan Martyn, 21st SOS
Ricky Mills, 488th Intelligence Squadron
Jack Nemceff, 3rd AF
Max Omana, 423rd Air Base Squadron
Thomas Palenske, 21st SOS
Tamara Prasse, Detachment 2
Eugene Ramming, 422nd Air Base Squadron
Edward Rice, 3rd AF
Natalie Russell, 100th Operations Support Squadron
Naresh Shah, 351st ARS
Antonio Vargas, 603rd Regional Planning
Chaz Williamsom, 3rd AF

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However, to receive a reply, spell out your last name and leave a P.O. Box and telephone number. Matters of base-wide importance may be published in the Marauder.

Col. Richard Devereaux
100th Air Refueling Wing
commander



High, positive standards make units great

By MAJ. BEN SNOW

100th Maintenance Squadron commander

Have you ever wondered what makes one unit good while another is great? We've all been in some good units and some of us have been lucky enough to have been in great ones.

So, what is it that makes one unit superior to those around it? Is it their mission? Could it be luck, or timing or leadership?

I'm sure all those things play some part in what separates a good unit from a great one, but I believe it all boils down to one thing — the standards each member sets for him or herself.

Leadership sets the target, that's true. After all, it's our leaders' jobs to set the goals at each and every level; to help us strive to achieve goals that we, on our own, think are too hard or lofty to attain; to push us past our internal limits. But, leadership alone isn't enough to make a great unit.

So what does it take? What makes one unit better than another?

We all have the same amount of resources. We all get our personnel the same way.

I think the key to being a great unit is in ourselves. It's in our attitudes toward our job and the people we work with.

It's in the routine decisions we all make each and every day.

It's in our willingness to expend the effort to do the job right the first time and not settle for less than our best.

How often have you said, "well, that's good enough," "leave it for swing shift" or "I know that isn't right but they will figure it out."

However, what may seem like a minor task that you have done a 1,000 times may, in fact, have a far-reaching impact on the person you're dealing with or on the organization you represent.

The following examples help illustrate how a simple bad decision can cause unforeseen results:

"That's a one-time use nut, right? It's a long way back to the shop it'll be okay to use it one more time." Will the aircraft's anti-skid transmitter come out of the wheel, causing the aircraft to blow a tire because it's lost anti-skid braking?

Or maybe you're the troop looking at all

zeros on his paycheck only to find out his current duty location wasn't updated when he arrived and after a few months he owes thousands of dollars in back pay for his basic allowance for quarters.

Perhaps there has been an accident and it's key to get the shirt and the commander involved to make a critical decision.

That decision can result in thousands of dollars difference in benefits to a person's family but the call was routed to the wrong squadron and precious time was lost.

These examples should help to make my point about what separates a good unit from great one: the standards the people in the unit are willing to accept.

If you are willing to just "get by" then your unit can only hope to "get by," or worse.

However, if you will not settle for merely getting by or for just meeting the standard, then you will push the limit and attain every goal you set for yourself.

And your unit will become great. How is your unit's performance?

Are you getting by or are you making a positive difference?

It's all up to you.

Naval Air Facility — anchored in tradition

By LT. OISON COURTNEY

Naval Air Facility public affairs officer

Life at U.S. Naval Air Facility Mildenhall is good, always has been and hopefully always will be. As the oldest tenant command at RAF Mildenhall, NAF's history dates back to July 1, 1964, when the present facility was relocated from West Malling, Kent, to here.

Today, NAF consists of 24 officer and enlisted members and is still carrying out the mission it's been doing here for almost 40 years.

Very rarely do you see a group of individuals work and get along so well together in carrying out the mission and who pride themselves in the "esprit de corps" for which the military is so famous.

Unlike U.S. Navy fleet squadrons and ships that often have anywhere from several hundred to several thousand members, this squadron is extremely unique due to its size, as well as its mission.

A squadron such as NAF is a very desirable assignment for U.S. Navy personnel because it has so much to offer — a fantastic shore station location in England, a small family-type atmosphere in the command and also because it can give Navy personnel a short break from the hustle and bustle of the fleet.

Many people join the Navy to see the world and joining the NAF family is one way to certainly do just that. Naval Air Facility Mildenhall provides logistics support to the Department of Defense and NATO commands throughout Europe. This support includes the transport of

high priority cargo, mail, passengers and courier materials required for fleet readiness, sustainability and morale.

The command handles approximately 1.5 million pounds of mail and cargo and 800 passengers annually. On Nov. 25, the command marked the completion of 44 years of class "A" mishap-free flight operations. Operations of the command's two UC-12M aircraft extend from Iceland and Norway to Mediterranean ports from Spain to Greece. If you have official military travel needs that can be satisfied by a C-12, by all means submit an airlift request. Although priorities will ultimately dictate mission assignment, we always appreciate opportunities to provide service. There are also occasions when scheduled missions have space available seating, so if see a C-12 flight on the board, please ask.

In the U.S. Navy, a member completes a two to three year sea tour, often back-to-back sea tours, then rotates from sea tour to shore tour. Shore tours in the U.S. Navy are often less stressful and usually more laid back than the arduous sea tours, where one can be away from family members for six to nine months at a time.

Although the members of NAF are all on shore tours, there is plenty of work to keep everyone dutifully employed, mostly because that NAF must function as any other squadron, but with a smaller workforce.

In an effort to generate money for NAF's private organization, while at the same time provide for the base community, NAF has conducted two fundraisers and the response has been terrific. We hope to continue these fundraisers in an effort to boost morale among all Team Mildenhall members.

The men and women of our host, the 100th Air Refueling Wing, and other partner units of Team Mildenhall, provide much of NAF's mission support. The entire NAF staff takes pride in recognizing the outstanding professionalism of the United States Air Force comrades and extends a sincere "thank you!" for the teamwork, cooperation and support spanning almost 40 years.

NEWS

U.K Visa applications

Finance has authorized the use of the government travel card to pay for the "application for leave to remain" Visas. Members are allowed a cash advance on the GTC to buy a postal order or cashier's check. Members without a GTC require a letter signed by their commander or first sergeant. This letter should be taken to finance so a cash advance can be given.

The next military personnel flight Visa batch run will be March 25. All applications must be turned in to MPF by March 22 at Bldg. 436, room 215.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Cheryl Trapnell at 238-4129 or Master Sgt. Terry Reaves at 238-5315.

Summerhire program

The 2004 student summerhire program starts July 12 and runs until Aug. 6. Students will work 40 hours per week, eight hours each day. The program is for U.S. citizen dependents 14 to 23, who are currently full-time students.

Effective immediately, units are able to request students until April 16.

Application packages will be available to students from April 1 to May 28.

For more information, or to complete a request form, call Trevor Flatt at 238-3540 or Janet Grisson at 238-4137.

FSC vacancies

◆A staff sergeant or technical sergeant is required to fill the family readiness noncommissioned officer position at the family support center. The position is available immediately.

◆A master sergeant or senior master sergeant is required to fill the special duty superintendent position at the FSC.

Requirements for both positions include applicants having two years remaining on station and being releasable from their career field and unit.

For more information, call Chris Lawson at 238-3406.

Health care meeting

The 48th Medical Group holds its quarterly healthcare council meeting Thursday at 3 p.m. in the 100th Air Refueling Wing conference room. The healthcare council is open to RAFs Mildenhall and Lakenheath members but is mandatory for unit healthcare monitors.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Tanya Yahn at 226-8724..

Portal provides information

By **STAFF SGT. TODD LOPEZ**

Air Force Print News

Air Force senior leaders have asked that all airmen sign up for a new Web-based technology that promises to streamline access to information across the force — the Air Force Portal.

In a December information technology initiatives memo, Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. John P. Jumper asked that all airmen sign up for an Air Force Portal account as soon as possible.

"The Air Force Portal will be the airman's interface to all services and information needed to perform his or her job," the memo stated.

Airmen may register for access to the portal by logging onto the Web site at <https://www.my.af.mil> and clicking on the self-registration link.

The portal is a Web-based system developed to incorporate as many Air Force information applications as possible. The result is that systems such as the virtual military personnel flight or functional area applications, such as a munitions ordering or parts tracking system, would all be accessible from one Web site, said Lt. Col. Dan Hausauer, portal integration division chief.

"The long-term vision is that the majority of applications and content will come through the Air Force Portal," Lt. Col. Hausauer said. "Today there are hundreds of applications that are either accessible through the portal or are actually within the framework of the portal. In fact, the portal has the capability right now to house applications or to link to them on their current environment, wherever they are."

The key benefit to such an integration is the idea of a single user login. Once a user logs in, the portal itself authenticates a user into the application, said Lt. Col. Hausauer.

"You can log into the portal with a single user name and password, and from there, users can get applications without having to reauthenticate," said Lt. Col. Hausauer.

The logistics community has done the most to integrate their applications into the portal, Lt. Col. Hausauer said. Besides logistics applications, other applications such as myPay and LeaveWeb are soon to follow.

A recent change to the portal makes it even easier for users to get access. Now, users can access the system from any Internet-connected computer at home, at work or on the road, Lt. Col. Hausauer said.

When users are on temporary duty, the portal makes it easy to stay in contact with co-workers at their permanent duty stations in real-time. The portal now includes an instant

messaging system similar to those found on the dot-com side of the Internet.

The Air Force Instant Messenger was used most recently during operations in Southwest Asia, said Lt. Col. Hausauer.

"When the war kicked off, a lot of people on the front lines had difficulty getting to phone lines," Lt. Col. Hausauer said. "People with network connectivity were using AFIM to do their job, like ordering mission-essential parts for aircraft."

During those operations, AFIM had been set up to interface with commercial messaging systems so deployed airmen could communicate with friends and family on their "buddy lists."

For every application that has already been incorporated into the portal framework, there may be many others that have not, Lt. Col. Hausauer said. One way to expedite their integration is for those most familiar with those systems to speak up, and ask for them to be incorporated into the portal.

"A challenge for us is to get owners to come to us with their applications and to work with us to integrate them into the portal," said Lt. Col. Hausauer. "We can make our security layer work for them, plus give them the benefit of the single user login. We also look to users to insist upon having the applications they use brought to the portal. Users need to ask (leaders) if they can make that happen."

Besides providing an integrated interface to existing Air Force applications, the portal provides functionality of its own. The portal includes a "white pages" section that lists everybody in the Air Force. It includes personalization features that let users adjust the presentation to suit their needs.

As more systems are brought into the portal, the Air Force moves closer to its overall vision for a Net-centric force.

"The Air Force vision is to bring a virtual desktop to the airman and to bring all the applications you need to do your job to that desktop," Lt. Col. Hausauer said. "You will have the ability to access them all with one login name and password, they will all work together seamlessly, and you will be able to access them from anywhere. That is the future."

Mandatory registration

To support the rollout of the AF Portal, Col. Richard Devereaux, 100th Air Refueling Wing commander, has tasked all base military and Department of Defense civilians to register for a portal account by Friday. For more information or help, call your unit workgroup manager.

NEWS BRIEFS

Legal rulings for February

◆Article 15 nonjudicial punishments:

An Airman 1st Class from the 100th Logistics Readiness Squadron received punishment consisting of a suspended reduction to Airman and 14 days extra duty for violating Article 86, absence from unit, organization or place of duty; Article 92, failure to obey a lawful order; and Article 92, dereliction of duty.

A Senior Airman from 100th LRS received punishment consisting of rank reduction to Airman, 60 days restriction to RAFs Mildenhall and Lakenheath and a reprimand for violating Article 112a, wrongful use, possession of marijuana. An administrative discharge package is currently being processed for this member.

An Airman from the 100th Operations Support Squadron received punishment consisting of reduction in rank to Airman Basic, forfeiture of \$200 and 30 days extra duty for violating Article 128, simple assault; and Article 95, fleeing apprehension.

A Senior Airman from 100th SFS received punishment of reduction to Airman 1st Class and 30 days extra duty for violating Article 111, drunken driving.

◆Administrative discharge:

Two Airmen 1st Class from 100th LRS were administratively discharged under AFI 36-3208, paragraph 5.50, for misconduct, pattern of misconduct.

An Airman 1st Class from 100th SFS was administratively discharged under AFI 36-3208, paragraph 5.11.9, for a condition that interferes with military service.

Air Force recruiter

The Air Force recruiter and military training instructor will be here March 24 at 8 a.m. in the 100th Air Refueling Wing conference room.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Tim Hampton at 238-5933.



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN MEGHAN GEIS

Take off: A KC-135 Stratotanker takes off from the old RAF Mildenhall runway during the six-ship mission in January.

Straighten up, 'Fly SMART'

By LT. COL. TERRY ARMSTRONG

U.S. Air Forces in Europe flight safety chief

Project SMART, one of the newest additions to the Combat and Special Interest Programs, emphasizes smart and safe ways of doing things.

It introduces a specific area of emphasis each month to help U.S. Air Forces in Europe members put operational and personal risk management techniques into practice. "Fly SMART" (Smartly Managing Awareness, Risk and Threats) is the focus for March.

"Fly SMART" is an opportunity to focus on flight safety as we transition from winter flying months to spring flying months.

It's also an opportunity to think of the role each and every member of the USAFE team plays when it comes to flight safety and mission accomplishment.

With flight safety in the spotlight this month, our aviators are reminded of the need to keep current with proper procedures and to be prepared for the inherent risks of aviation.

Changing weather patterns, migratory birds and high operations tempo are a few

of the obvious hazards.

Flight safety does not stop with our aviators. Crew chiefs, avionics specialists, phase dock technicians and logistics personnel are also part of the front line to ensure our aircraft launch and return without incident.

Civil engineering, construction employees and contracting are equally essential in preventing our military construction projects from negatively impacting flight safety and mission accomplishment.

Services and medical support keep all our aviation experts healthy and productive.

Finally, and most important, is the family. Every aviator, maintainer, contract employee and services professional depends on their family for personal support to make each workday a productive part of our mission accomplishment.

Use operational risk management from mission preparation to engine shutdown and use personal risk management in everyday activities.

For more information on "Fly SMART," call the 100th Air Refueling Wing safety office at 238-4720. Keep safe and fly smart!

Uncovering base Hidden Heroes

Sergeant 1st Class Michael Utz, 1/125th Field Artillery, Minnesota National Guard, was recently assigned here, augmenting the 100th Security Forces Squadron. He arrived in September, leaving behind his wife and five children, and departed here Tuesday.

"Sergeant 1st Class Utz spent most of his spare time and off-duty days volunteering at the community closet," said Dave Ballard, 100th Mission Support Squadron family support center.

"His selfless dedication was instrumental in the sorting, logging and storing of the massive daily donations received by the community closet," he said.

"He is truly a hero among men to those of use on the volunteer staff at the community closet. We are eternally grateful for all his efforts and he is greatly missed now that he's returned home to his family," said Michelle Wilson, community closet chairperson.



SFC MICHAEL UTZ



PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. JEANETTE COPELAND

Boom with a view: Above, Staff Sgt. Nancy Primm, 351st Air Refueling Squadron, in-flight refueling specialist, preflights the boom of a KC-135 prior to take-off. The boom can release fuel to any aircraft equipped with a refueling receptacle.

Have knowledge, will travel: Staff Sgt. Robert Emmett, 100th Maintenance Operations Squadron weapons systems coordinator, creates a database showing the location, status, configuration and maintenance completion dates of each aircraft assigned to the base. It also contains the current KC-135 Stratotanker flying schedule.



Team Mildenhall troops keep mission going at RAF Fairford

Editor's note: Fourteen tankers and more than 500 personnel from Team Mildenhall are currently performing their missions from RAF Fairford.

They are there for the duration of the runway closure. The \$15 million runway project is scheduled for completion Aug. 31.

Radio check: Below, through the use of an ultra high frequency receiver-transmitter radio, Staff Sgt. Vincent Cammarano, 100th Maintenance Operations Squadron weapons systems coordinator, speaks to the aircrew of a KC-135 Stratotanker. The radio dates back to the 1960s and is used to monitor all aircraft operations.

Everybody dance: Bottom right, Tim Stegmaier, front right, member of the Bi-Okoto Drum and Dance Theater, motivates audience-members, left to right, Tech. Sgt. Sean Gray, 424th Air Base Squadron, Master Sgt. Gary Stanley, 424th ABS, and Master Sgt. Nick Barone, 100th Security Forces Squadron, to dance. The purpose of Bi-Okoto's visit to RAF Fairford was to entertain the troops overseas and educate them about African culture during Black History Month.



MARAUDER FEATURES



WOMEN IN MILITARY HISTORY

By RUDI WILLIAMS

American Forces Press Service

Since Wilbur and Orville Wright took flight Dec. 17, 1903, women have made significant contributions to aviation in the United States and around the world.

However, women didn't begin flying until 1908 and nearly all were restricted to general aviation.

In 1943, the first group of young women pilots became pioneers, heroines and role models as members of the Women's Airforce Service Pilots.

First women trained to fly American military aircraft, they paved the way for today's Air Force women, who now comprise 19 percent of the force and work in 99 percent of all Air Force career fields.

WASPs were not considered military pilots until 1977, when Congress declared they were indeed veterans of World War II. Women began entering Air Force pilot training in 1976 and fighter pilot training in 1993.

It took more than 30 years to get women back into the cockpit after World War II and another 17 years for them to fly combat missions.

Ironically, even though the WASPs flew more than 60 million miles across the nation during World War II, they were still not called the first military women pilots. Perhaps that's because

WASPs only flew missions such as ferrying, towing targets in gunnery schools for ground and aerial gunners and instructing and aerial mapping.

Consequently, women who were trained to fly helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft supporting troops and, now, combat aircraft, are considered military pilots.

The distinction of being the Army's first female military pilot goes to 2nd Lt. Sally Woolfolk, who received her wings to fly UH-1 Huey helicopters June 4, 1974.

Then-2nd Lt. Woolfolk entered the Army in January 1973, a month after receiving a master's degree in history from Kansas State College of Pittsburg, Kan.

She attended an 11-week orientation course for women officers at Fort McClellan, Ala., and then went to Fort Huachuca, Ariz., for the Military Intelligence Officer Basic Course.

Meanwhile, the Army opened its flight training program to women. She applied and was accepted.

After pinning on her wings, she was asked if she would recommend flight school for other women, then-2nd Lt. Woolfolk said, "I definitely encourage women to apply for it, if they are interested in doing something out of the ordinary.

"Of course, one of the main objections to such training has been the opinion held by many that women cannot

be used tactically by the service," she said in 1974.

The late Lt. Cmdr. Barbara Rainey became the Navy's first woman pilot when she earned her gold wings Feb. 22, 1974. A graduate of the Navy Officer Candidate School in Newport, R.I., she was commissioned in December 1970. She followed in the footsteps of her Marine Corps aviator brother, Bill Allen, by applying for U.S. Naval Flight Training School.

Married to John Rainey, whom she met in flight training, the late Lt. Cmdr. Rainey became pregnant with her first daughter and resigned her commission in November 1977.

Lieutenant Cmdr. Rainey returned to active duty in the Naval Reserve and while pregnant with her second daughter, qualified to fly the C-118 transport. Recalled to active duty in 1981 as a flight instructor flying the T-34C Mentor, she was killed in a crash July 13, 1982, while practicing touch-and-go landings at Middleton Field near Evergreen, Ala. She was 34.

The Navy's first female F-14 Tomcat combat pilot, Lt. Kara Hultgreen, was the first female pilot killed after the Department of Defense risk rule was rescinded.

She was killed Oct. 25, 1994, at age 29 when the left engine of her F-14 stalled as she attempted to land on the USS Abraham Lincoln.

The pioneer female fighter pilot was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

Marine Corps Maj. Sarah Deal made history in

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

April 1995 when she became the first female pilot in Marine Corps history.

A graduate of Kent State University's aerospace flight technology program, Maj. Deal was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps in 1991.

At the time, there was a ban on women in combat units, so, instead of applying for flight school, she attended air traffic control school.

Still hankering to fly, Maj. Deal continued to fly privately and took the aptitude test for Marine flight school, just in case the ban was lifted.

Her chance came when the secretary of defense lifted the ban on women serving as pilots of combat aircraft in 1993.

Maj. Deal became the first woman selected to attend flight school in Pensacola, Fla. Major Deal flies the military's largest helicopter, the CH-53E Super Stallion, to support and supply ground troops.

Captain Connie Engle, an Air Force nurse turned pilot, is touted in some circles as the Air Force's first woman pilot.

She graduated in a class of 10 women pilots Sept. 2, 1977, at Williams Air Force Base, Ariz. Captain Engle, however, does hold some firsts among Air Force women pilots: she was the first to solo in the T-41 Mescalero and T-37 Tweet aircraft and was also the first woman to lead a two-ship formation.

In 1991, Congress lifted the ban on women flying in combat aircraft. By 1994, the first female Air Force pilot, Capt. Jeannie Flynn, graduated from F-15E Strike Eagle combat crew training at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

Today, women can enroll in Air Force pilot or navigator training and learn to operate any aircraft in the inventory.

There isn't much information about the Coast Guard's first woman aviator, except that her name is Janna Lambine and she graduated from naval aviation training at NAS Whiting Field, Milton, Fla., March 4, 1977.

Ms. Lambine's first assignment was as a helicopter pilot at Air Station Astoria, Ore., where she flew search and rescue missions.



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A woman's reason to serve

By STAFF SGT. CINDY DORFNER

100th Air Refueling Wing public affairs

When people ask Col. Audrey Wolff, 100th Maintenance Group commander, "How did you make it in a man's world?" she replies, "I didn't. I made it in our world."

Being a female in the Air Force isn't exactly odd. Just over 18 percent of Air Force officers are women. For instance, at Col. Wolff's level, the maintenance officer field, the numbers aren't much different — there are 32 female colonels, compared to 141 males.

When Col. Wolff was commissioned in 1979, she never intended to make it as far

as she has. Her goals back then, she said, were to join the Air Force for a few years to make some money. She wanted to get out and become a teacher and she'd use the money to buy supplies.

Then in Reserve Officer Training Corps, she met, and soon married, Fred. And plans changed. Since that meeting, Fred got out of the Air Force and now works from home.

Nowadays though, Col. Wolff stays busy being in charge of three squadrons of maintainers. "I demand excellence, but no more so than I would give myself."

Her favorite experience, she said, is when someone calls her "Sir".

"I love to be called sir — it means they're looking at my rank and not my gender. If

someone looks at me, not as a female, but as an Air Force officer, I've made it."

But, as Col. Wolff proudly claims, she never would have made it so far without the support of her husband.

"I don't spend more or less time at work than my male counterparts, but I don't think most female senior officers have as helping a spouse as I do," she said.

For Col. Wolff and her family, their lifestyle works.

"I'm not perfect. I have dust bunnies. I don't think you can have an immaculately clean house, kids on the honor roll and work full time," Col. Wolff said. "There are still windows in my house that don't have curtains, but that's OK."



Minnesota ARNG heads home with story to tell

By KAREN ABEYASEKERE

100th Air Refueling Wing public affairs

The 1/125th Field Artillery Charlie Battery unit were honored Monday as they prepared to head home after six months away from their families, augmenting the 100th Security Forces Squadron here.

Colonel Richard Devereaux, 100th Air Refueling Wing commander, presented members of the Minnesota National Guard with medals for their hard work and constantly going above and beyond to help Team Mildenhall.

"We're going to miss you guys — and I mean that from the bottom of our (Team Mildenhall's) heart," said Col. Devereaux.

"What we'll remember about you guys is your professionalism, your attitude — always positive and always smiling — and that you always enforced the standards as well as maintained them.

"Besides keeping our base safe you also contributed to our community," he said.

"In the future, when you've got your grandchild on your knee and they ask you, 'Grandpa — what did you do when we were fighting the terrorists?' — you'll have a story to tell them!"

Captain Warren Brainard, 100th SFS operations officer, thanked the Minnesota ARNG (on behalf of the 100th SFS commander) for the excellent job they did during their deployment here.

"You stood watch over our nation's most precious resource — our people.

"You allowed them to work, live, play and sleep safely, while you stood as a silent sentinel against our foes," he said.

"You became an equal member of our team — proud defenders of the force — and you did so with honor."

Thankful to be heading home to their families, the guardsmen said they'd enjoyed their time at RAF Mildenhall and the chance to be in England.

"While everyone here has been thanking us, we want to thank you, both Team Mildenhall and the Air Force, for what you've done for us," said 2nd Lt. Rob Bute, 1/125th Field Artillery operations officer.

"We're citizen soldiers — our civilian jobs include carpenters, mechanics and builders — but you do this every day. We're going home to our families, and that's thanks to you and what you do," he said.

Second Lt. Bute also thanked his own troops.

"You left your friends and family — it's not an easy task, but you did all that was



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS FRANKLIN PERKINS

Adios amigos: Colonel Richard Devereaux, right, 100th Air Refueling Wing commander, thanks Sgt. 1st Class Michael Utz, 1/125th Field Artillery, and other members of the Minnesota National Guard, at a ceremony Monday honoring and giving thanks for their hard work before they departed Tuesday.

asked of you by myself and our commander and you've excelled in all the standards.

"Today and for the last six months, you've been 'defenders of the force' and I'm proud of you all," he said.

The 1/134th Field Artillery Unit, from Piqua, Ohio, arrived March 5 to replace the Minnesota ARNG.

The 102 troops (including 14 at RAF Fairford) are scheduled to be here for nine months.)



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Stop 'n' search: Above, Spc. Mike Looft, 1-125th FA, Minnesota ARNG, performs a thorough check of a contractor's vehicle at the search area by Gate 9 earlier this year.

Team Mildenhall,

Sir, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Team Mildenhall. Our tour of duty at RAF Mildenhall has been very memorable. We have had the pleasure of meeting many wonderful and helpful people around the air base. I appreciate all the support that each of you has given to my unit.

The 100th Security Forces Squadron has been our home away from home for the last seven months. Lieutenant Col. Harris and his squadron have done an exceptional job of integrating the Minnesota Army National Guard in all events and activities. The Air Force and Army troops were and are truly a combined force. These past few months we have successfully dealt with real world incursions, exercises and deployments. I am very proud to say that I served with the 100th SFS. Thank you.

*Captain Chad Roudebush
C/1/125 FA MN ARNG
Commanding
"Steel Reign"*



Entrusting England's past to future generations

By MAGGIE COTNER

100th Air Refueling Wing community relations advisor

The National Trust and English Heritage exist to ensure the historical environment of these islands is properly maintained and cared for. The National Trust is a registered charity, completely independent of government and, therefore, entirely dependent on the generosity of supporters. It cares for more than 600,000 acres of beautiful countryside in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, plus 600 miles of coastline and more than 200 buildings and gardens of outstanding interest.

English Heritage is the government's adviser on the country's historical environment. It receives government funding and also earns revenue from its 400-plus properties.

Both organizations hold special events each year between April and October. They range from a guided walk through a bluebell wood to the re-enactment of a long-ago battle, and the public is encouraged to attend all of them.

Audley End House and Gardens is a 40-minute drive from the base down the M-11. It was one of the great wonders of the nation when it was built by the first Earl of Suffolk, on the scale of a great royal palace. In fact it soon became one when Charles II bought it in 1668 to use while attending the races at Newmarket.



It was returned to the Suffolks in 1701, and large parts of it were demolished. Although it then changed hands several times, the main structure of Audley End has not been altered since the east wing came down in 1753.

After the house had been requisitioned in World War II, it was sold to English Heritage and a great deal of work was undertaken to restore the park and magnificent gardens.

Visitors can join conducted tours of the house and wander freely around the grounds. An "in-depth tour" lasts all day and includes lunch but is obviously more expensive.

Special events includes a re-enactment of the Battle of Naseby, the decisive conflict of the English Civil War that cost Charles I his throne and ultimately, his life. It involves dramatic action with cavalry, pikemen, musketeers and cannon.

Framlingham Castle is close to Suffolk's east coast, north of Woodbridge, and was built in 1190 by Bigod, the second Earl of Norfolk, on the site of an earlier timber castle. It changed hands frequently and, at one time, housed Mary Tudor, sister of Elizabeth I.



Special events include the Children's Festival May 2 and 3, which explores children's entertainment through the ages, from medieval archery and Tudor juggling to the Punch and Judy show.

July 3 brings the Sounds and Smells of Tudor England show by recreating music, food and entertainment of the 1500s.

September 11 and 12 brings the Tudor falconry weekend, when visitors can follow in the footsteps of Henry VIII and enjoy the pleasures of " ... this most noble form of hunting." Discover why birds of prey were so popular in the 16th century, and enjoy the spectacular demonstrations of owls, hawks and falcons in flight.

October 31 brings the Haunted Heritage evening, in which visitors join the castle's investigators to hunt out the ghostly ghosts abroad on Halloween.

Tilbury Fort, the finest surviving example of 17th century engineering in England, remains largely unaltered since the 1600s. Built as a low-lying and mainly earthen construction, it was designed to withstand bombardment at a time when artillery was the dominant weapon. Special events include a small family event re-creating many of the experiences of family life during World War II.



Wrest Park Gardens are in Bedfordshire, and comprise a unique mix of beautiful vistas and sheltered glades. These historic gardens were laid out in the early 1700s by the de Grey family, descendants of the Norman knights who came to England with William the Conqueror.

Special events in April include a popular, long-running family event, the Saint George's Day pageant for children, a Victorian themed celebration of the story of England's patron saint.

Castle Acre Priory, Norfolk, lies a short distance south-west of the village and castle that bear the same name. The priory's ruins span seven centuries and include a



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12th century church and the prior's lodging which is still fit to live in.

April's special event is the Medieval Family Fun Day made up of medieval games, story-telling and music.

The entrance fee for all of these events is around £4 for adults and £2 for children, with a family ticket costing £10. Full information can be accessed at their Web sites www.english-heritage.org.uk and www.nationaltrust.org.uk.



The Wonderful World of Trollyspotting

By 1st Lt. Chuck Russell

100th Air Refueling Wing manpower office

(Editor's note: The following article is not endorsed by the Royal Society for the Spotting and Preservation of Shopping Trolleys. The R.S.S.P.S.T. does not condone keeping trolleys in captivity and encourages prospective spotters to only view them in their natural habitat.)

Hobbies come in all shapes and sizes, from stamp collecting to gardening, but there's one that's uniquely British — spotting. We've all seen planespotters with their high-powered cameras and telescopes looking for that elusive tail number.

There are dangers with this hobby though. Recently, several British planespotters were arrested in Greece on espionage charges.

Local planespotters have to contend with Mildenhall's famous Spy Corner now being off limits, as well as being on file with the Office of Special Investigations.

I don't know about you, but I don't need hobbies involving special agents rooting through my trash bins and random cavity searches.

Likewise, trainspotting, popularized by the film, "Trainspotting," has its drawbacks as well. Trains in Britain are notoriously behind schedule and come to a grinding halt in hot weather, cold weather, rainy weather ...

Nothing is more disappointing than waiting around all day for a 0-6-0 Saddle Tank only to have leaves on the track keep it from arriving.

Additionally, since the movie came out, trainspotters have been unfairly branded with the stigma of heroin addiction. In response to the dangers of planespotting and the heartache of trainspotting, a new spotting craze is sweeping the nation: trolley spotting!

Trolley spotting is just like planespotting, minus the hard time in foreign prisons, but far more rewarding. You can do it almost anywhere and anytime, all you need is an ASDA or even a commissary.

The mecca of trolley spotting, however, is Tesco. Here you can find a cornucopia of different trolleys ranging from the XJ-100 "Shallow Hal," to the RS-5000 Double Seater.

On rare days, the vigilant spotter may even be able to see the trolley-car combo, the one where the kids can sit in a little car while the parents push them around the store.

On payday weekends, you can see these trundling up and down the aisles at the commissary. What makes these so prized by spotters is their duel functionality.

The trolley section can hold up to 300 cubic meters of food while the car section lets the kids "drive" around the store and prevents them from pulling items off the shelves.

In a word: brilliant! Now only if it was soundproof ...

The enterprising trolley spotter can even turn this hobby into a lucrative and rewarding career. Trolley wranglers, the cowboys of the supermarket, are often the most diehard spotters.

Any wrangler worth his salt will brave scorching sun or arctic temperatures to bring the herd safely indoors, but a select few go that extra mile.

Take Jimmy Perry, a Tesco wrangler from Ipswich, who once ran down a trolley that was being blown across the lot by a 60 mph gust of wind. At the last moment, Jimmy dove between the trolley and an 1987 Vauxhall, saving the trolley but shattering his pelvis in the process. The annals of wrangler lore are full of such bravery.

Trolley spotting can offer you a lifetime of enjoyment and satisfaction. Each trip to the grocery store is a new adventure, and you're sure to meet many

interesting people while you scope out the action.

If you do decide to join the growing legions of trolley spotters, just be sure to dress for the weather, wear sun block and bring a comfy chair.



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN STACIA ZACHARY

Bird's eye view: 1st Lt. Chuck Russell, 100th Air Refueling Wing Manpower Office, goes trolley spotting at the RAF Mildenhall commissary in hopes of discovering new habits of local trolley wranglers.



Itchin' to gamble ...

Part-time craps dealer Capt. Dwayne Helton, 100th Air Refueling Wing and Project CHEER primary point of contact, rolls the dice at the British-American Committee Casino Night at the Riverside Hotel, Mildenhall High Town, Saturday evening. More than 200 people attended the charitable fund-raising event where more than \$2,500 was raised which helps fund programs such as Pilot For A Day and other community relations events.



PHOTO BY CAPT. SHANE BALKEN

EVENTS

MOPS

Mothers of Preschoolers meets from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month at the base chapel for food, fun and fellowship. Child-care is provided for children up to age 5.

For more information, call Stacey Smith at 01638-718130.

Dinner for \$1

A Combat Care dinner and video teleconference happens Friday for families of deployed members from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Gateway Dining Facility. Deadline for sign-up is Tuesday.

For more information and to sign-up, call 238-3406.

EDUCATION

CSA scholarships

The Community Scholarship Association has applications available for vocational school and college-bound seniors or military or civilian employees assigned to RAFs Mildenhall, Lakenheath and Feltwell. The deadline for application submissions is March 22.

For more information, call Kent Daughery at 226-5564.

Survivor Benefit Plan

Anyone approaching retirement should consider the Survivor Benefit Plan, a type of insurance for retirees. When the retiree's pay stops, SBP benefits are paid out once a

month rather than lump sum payment. Additional details regarding coverage options and costs are available during one-on-one counseling sessions.

To make an appointment with retirement counselor, call Vicki Ladner at 238-4168.

DODDS

"Kids on the block"

"Kids on the block" is an educational puppet program to help children be aware of, and understand, disabilities and medical-educational differences.

A troupe of puppeteers Lakenheath Elementary School March 24 and 25.

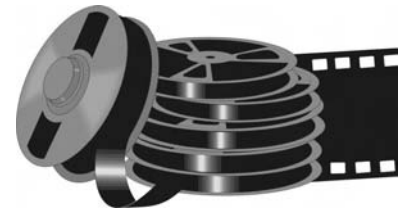
For more information, call Pam Parker at 226-7888.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

A pre-deployment briefing takes place Wednesday and helps provides servicemembers and dependents practical information to help military members and their families prepare for deployments. Call your unit orderly room to be added to the list.

Stateside home buying takes place Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. and helps prepare servicemembers and their spouses for a return assignment to the States. This class is for those who want to purchase a house and will need to get financially set to purchase, obtain a mortgage and how to close the deal on the house.

Sponsorship training takes place Thursday from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. and helps those interested in becoming a sponsor for



At the movies

LAKENHEATH Today



6:30 p.m.
"Cheaper by the Dozen" (PG-13)
9:30 p.m.
"Twisted" (R) Police inspector Jessica Shepard is searching for a serial killer and she knows all of the victims personally. The investigation becomes more and more twisted as her partner behaves strangely and she becomes the prime

suspect. (Stars Ashley Judd)

Midnight "The Last Samurai" (R)

Saturday

1 p.m. "Brother Bear" (PG)
3:30 p.m. "The Haunted Mansion" (PG)
6:30 p.m. "Love Actually" (R)
9:30 p.m. "Twisted"

Sunday

1 p.m. "Peter Pan" (PG-13)
3:30 p.m.
"Elf" (PG)
6:30 p.m.
"Twisted"

Monday

6:30 p.m.
"Stuck on You" (PG-13) Bob and Walt Tenor, Siamese twins, are small-town legends who own a fast-food restaurant. When the acting bug bites, Walt convinces Bob to head west for the bright lights of Hollywood. (Stars Matt Damon)



Tuesday

6:30 p.m. "Cheaper by the Dozen"

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. "Twisted"

Thursday

6:30 p.m. "The Last Samurai"

The RAF Mildenhall movie theater is closed for renovations until further notice.

inbound servicemembers. The class helps give attendees information needed to welcome a new member to RAF Mildenhall.

Volunteer information training takes place March 23 from 2 to 3 p.m. and helps define what motivates and maintains volunteers.

All classes are held at the family support center, unless otherwise stated.

For information on the above classes, call the family support center at 238-3406.

SPORTS SHORTS

Fitness center hours

Hours of operation for the RAF Mildenhall Fitness Center are:

Monday to Thursday: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Friday: 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Family days and holidays: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 238-2349.

Blood drive

A blood drive takes place Monday from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the blood drive center at RAF Lakenheath.

For more information, call 1st Lt. Adam Minnich at 238-5488.

Baseball players wanted

The Cambridge Monarchs baseball team seeks serious and dedicated players from RAFs Mildenhall and Lakenheath to compete during the upcoming season.

Playing on the team provides an opportunity for international competition against British and European teams.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Ken Jeltema at 238-4272.

HAWC classes

The RAF Mildenhall Health and Wellness Center holds various classes in March. Sign-up for classes, which take place in the HAWC, is required.

◆Healthy Living Workshop takes place Tuesday from 8 to 10 a.m.

◆Fresh Start 2 takes place Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

◆Body Composition Improvement Program 2 takes place Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m.

◆Stress and Anger Management 2 takes place Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m.

For more information or to sign up for classes, call 238-7159.

Basketball tournament

The Olympus Officials Association presents the first March Madness basketball tournament, March 20 and 21 at the RAF Mildenhall Fitness Center.

Registration fee for the tournament, which is a double elimination format, is \$25. All proceeds go to Combat Care.

For more information, call Terry Reaves at 0790 9905339 or Dwayne Burns at 0774 48152400.

HOOP DREAMS



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PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN MEGHAN GEIS

Over-30's championships: Above and top left, Members from the 100th Operations Group played the 488th Intelligence Squadron Monday in the over-30's basketball championships. The 100th OG team beat 488th ISS 56-45.

Intramural basketball champions: Left, A team from the 100th Civil Engineer Squadron played the 100th Comptroller Squadron Monday in the intramural basketball championships. The score was 48-39 with 100th CES taking the top honors.